



# Carmel Area State Parks General Plan

Introductory Stakeholder Meeting  
February 16, 2012



# Agenda

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- Welcome and introductions
- Regional context
- Overview of the planning process
- Purpose of today's meeting
- Small group discussion
- Report back to larger group
- Next steps
- Adjourn



# Introductions

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- State Parks & General Plan Consultant
  - Monterey District of State Parks
  - Planning Division of State Parks
  - Consultant – AECOM
- Meeting Participants
  - Name
  - Organization

# CARMEL AREA STATE PARKS GENERAL PLAN

 Carmel Area State Parks

*Pacific Ocean*

*Monterey Bay*

*Monterey*

*Seaside*

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**Carmel River  
State Beach**

*Carmel-  
by-the-Sea*

**Hatton Canyon Property**

**Point Lobos  
State Natural Reserve**

**Point Lobos Ranch Property**



**Point Lobos  
State Marine Reserve**

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# CARMEL AREA STATE PARKS GENERAL PLAN

-  Carmel Area State Parks
-  Other Parks and Protected Areas

Pacific Ocean



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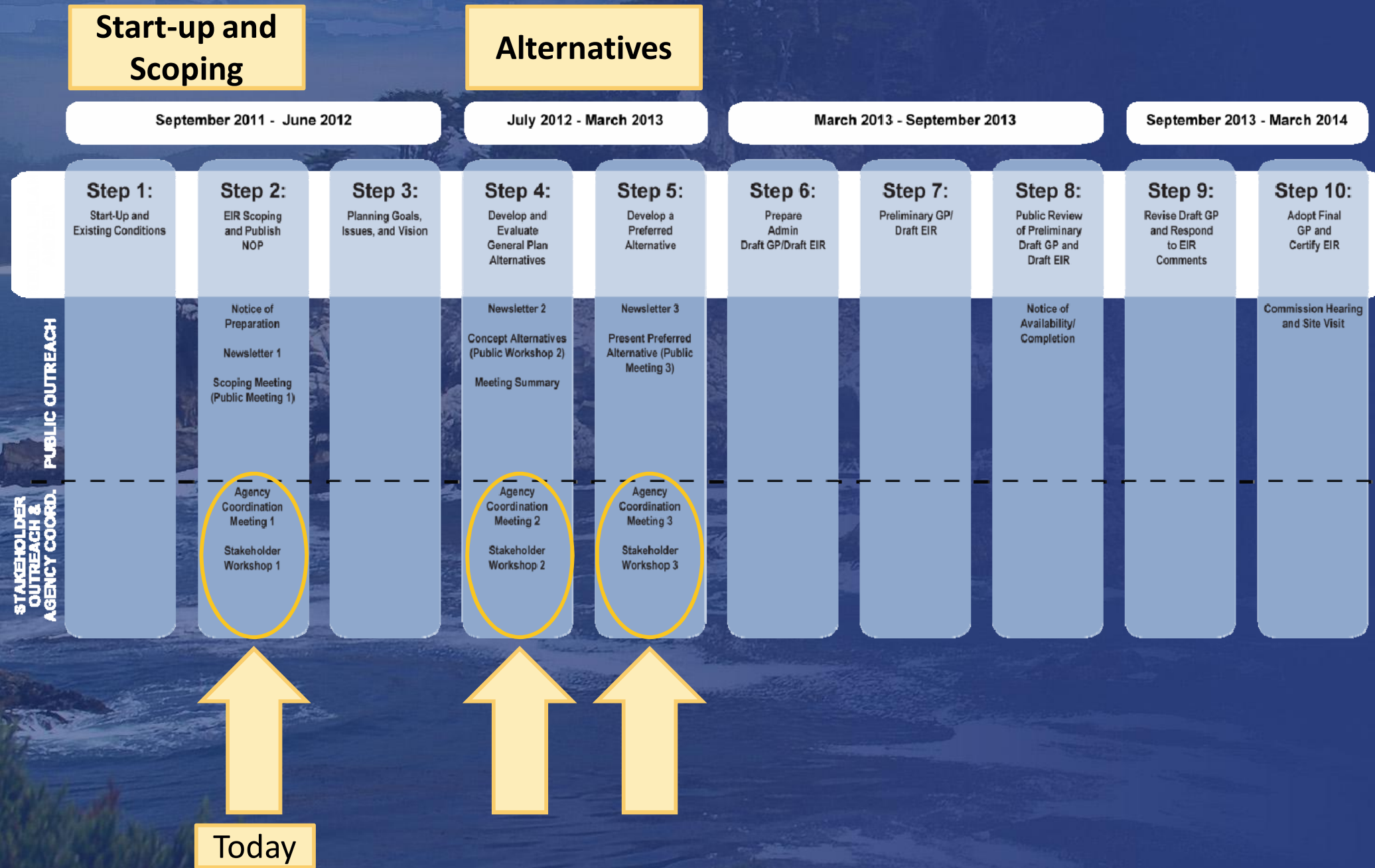


# Overview of Planning Process

- Document existing conditions
- Identify and inform stakeholders
- Identify issues and concerns
- Initiate environmental review process
- Evaluate significant resources, issues, constraints, and opportunities
- Develop alternatives
- Identify preferred alternative
- Circulate General Plan and Environmental Impact Report for public review

# General Plan and EIR Process Diagram

## Agency/Stakeholder Input





# Mission Statement

- *To provide for the health, inspiration and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state's extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation.*

# Point Lobos State Natural Reserve





# Point Lobos State Natural Reserve

## Current Uses

- Day Use
- Hiking
- SCUBA
- SCUBA concession
- Photography
- Painting
- Museum
- Weddings



# Point Lobos State Natural Reserve

## Facilities

- 4 Residences
- 1 Office
- 4 Restrooms
- 1 Museum
- 1 Small boat launch
- 2 Boat sheds
- 1 Storage area (Equipment / SCUBA / Sign)
- Paved road
- Miles of trails



# Point Lobos State Natural Reserve

## Special Considerations

- 180 Volunteer docents
- Strong financial support from Point Lobos Foundation
- Constraints of “Reserve” classification
- Limited parking
- Trail safety
- Native American sites

# Carmel River State Beach





# Carmel River State Beach (excluding Monastery Beach)

## Current Uses

- Day use
- Weddings
- Filming
- Dog walking
- Surf fishing
- Organic farm concession



# Carmel River State Beach (excluding Monastery Beach)

## Facilities

- 2 Barns (need stabilization)
- 1 Residence (needs stabilization)
- Dirt access road
- Two stairs accessing the beach
- Parking lot (currently closed due to erosion)
- Restrooms (currently closed due to erosion)



# Carmel River State Beach (excluding Monastery Beach)

## Special Considerations

- Parking
- Wetland habitat
- Lagoon and sand bar management with many concerned agencies and people
- Aquatic safety
- Steelhead habitat
- Annual residential flooding
- Natural beauty
- Cultural Preserve
- Natural Preserve



# Monastery Beach (Carmel River State Beach)

## Current Uses

- SCUBA
- Day use
- Dog walking
- Weddings

## Facilities

- 1 Restroom
- Service road



# Monastery Beach (Carmel River State Beach)

## Special Considerations

- Aquatic safety
- Natural beauty
- Limited parking



# Hatton Canyon (Unclassified / Unnamed)





# Hatton Canyon (Unclassified / Unnamed)

- Current Uses
- Dog walking
- Special event area
  - Marathon, Pumpkin Patch, Christmas Trees.
- Barn yard lease (Event Area)
- Facilities
- Paved multi use trail
- Unimproved trail connecting Carmel Valley Road to Flanders neighborhood



# Hatton Canyon (Unclassified / Unnamed)

- Special Considerations
- Visibility and access from Highway 1
- Off-highway pedestrian connection from Carmel Valley Road to Carmel High
- Fire concerns
- Potential revenue



# Point Lobos Ranch (Unclassified / Unnamed)





# Point Lobos Ranch (Unclassified / Unnamed)

## Current Uses

- Not open to the public.
- Maintenance material storage
- District trail crew headquarters
- Access to private residential area

## Facilities

- 7 Residences
- 2 Barns
- 1 Dirt road (San Jose Canyon)
- 1 Improved road (Riley Ranch Road / Red Wolf Drive)



# Point Lobos Ranch (Unclassified / Unnamed)

- Special Considerations
- Public access
- Parking
- Gowen Cypress Grove
- Spectacular views
- Significant Native American sites
- Historic district



## Group Activity

- Select a representative from your group to take notes.
- Ask someone to report back to the larger group:
  - Choose the top issues/answers to share. More detail can be shared in the group notes and individual comment cards.
  - If another group reported on a similar topic, no need to repeat. Just let us know if you agree.
  - Please respect others opinions.
- Fill out the comment cards and provide them back to staff members.



## Next Steps

- Reach out to a larger audience
- Public Notice of Preparation of Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- Hold public scoping meeting
- Prepare existing conditions report
- Develop alternatives for site use and management



# Adjourn

- Thank you for your interest in the planning process!
- For project updates, please check our website:  
[http://parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=26868](http://parks.ca.gov/?page_id=26868)